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ROTHAUGE JOINS EVANGELISM STAFF

NEW YORK -- The Rev. Dr. Arlin J. Rothauge of Portland, Ore., has joined the Episcopal Church Center staff to implement two Venture in Mission projects in evangelism and Church renewal.

Rothauge's appointment was authorized after the Executive Council -- at its June 1980 meeting -- approved expenditure of Venture funds designated for the projects which are designed to develop resources and encourage congregations to make long term investments in evangelism. The two projects call for nearly \$845,000, most of which has already been pledged.

Working with the Rev. A. Wayne Schwab, evangelism/renewal staff officer at the Church Center, Rothauge will be setting up a process for reporting and sharing experience, developing "how-to" packets and other material for congregations, encouraging seminaries and other institutions to build up work in this field and assembling teams for clergy conferences.

The projects anticipate increasing the work and number of regional associates and Rothauge will also work on their training and deployment.

Rothauge, a former Disciples of Christ pastor, holds degrees from the University of Oregon and Phillips University in Enid, Okla. He earned the Ph.D. degree in systematic theology from Glasgow University and was ordained in the Episcopal Church in 1973. He has been rector of All Saints Church in Portland since 1975.

He has worked in television and film and is the author of "Come to the Feast," which will be used by the Evangelism Workshop this year.

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His training and experience in evangelism began in 1960 with work as a graduate associate of the Institute of Church Growth, and he says of his graduate work in Scotland: "My concern focused on the responsibility of the systematic theologian as apologist. I wanted to understand particularly how language and cultural settings affect the evangelist's task of sharing our faith."

Rothauge has been a regional associate for the Evangelism/Renewal office since 1977.

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